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1. MOHAMED ZAKI SHAFEI, MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WILL BE BACK IN WASHINGTON FOR MEETINGS OF IBRD AND IMF, ARRIVING ABOUT AUG 31, AND REMAINING UNTIL SEPT 6. HE HAS MEETINGS AT PRINCETON ON SEPT 7 AND 8 (REFTEL B) AND WILL SPEND NEXT 2-3 DAYS IN NY. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY GAMAL EL NAZIR, NEWLY PROMOTED TO UNDERSEC IN MINISTRY.

2. LATTER HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ARRANGE FOR MEETINGS WITH US OFFICIALS DURING SHAFEI WASHINGTON STAY FOR DISCUSSIONS OF FULL RANGE OF US/EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE, OPEN DOOR POLICY, TRADE, ETC. NAZIR SAYS THAT, SINCE SHAFEI WILL NOT BE ATTENDING ALL BANK AND FUND SESSIONS, MEETINGS WITH USG CAN TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME. DEPT MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO SCHEDULE AROUND ANY PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT SESSIONS.

3. SIGNIFICANCE OF SHAFEI'S ROLE IN OUR RELATIONS UNDERLINES UTILITY OF SUGGESTED MEETINGS. WE RECOMMEND THAT APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT BE ACCORDED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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